

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

FREE STATE OF BAVARIA, *represented by*
THE UNIVERSITY OF WÜRZBURG,

Plaintiff,

V.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-02580-SDM-CMV

Judge Sarah D. Morrison

Magistrate Judge Chelsey M. Vascura

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff Free State of Bavaria, represented by The University of Würzburg (“UW”), Defendants Nationwide Children’s Hospital and The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital (together, “NCH”), and Defendant Dr. Brian Kaspar (“Dr. Kaspar”), through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this joint status report per the Court’s order of September 6, 2024 [ECF No. 94].

On April 24, 2023, the Court stayed this matter until UW’s related lawsuit against The Ohio State University (“OSU”) before the Ohio Court of Claims, captioned *Free State of Bavaria, represented by The University of Würzburg v. The Ohio State University*, No. 2022-00495JD (the “State Action”) was fully and finally resolved. [ECF No. 85 at 1.] On July 19, 2024, the Ohio Court of Claims entered its opinion and order on the disposition of the bench trial in the State Action in favor of OSU on all claims. UW appealed, with briefing of the appeal just completed on February 18, 2025. Therefore, the parties request that the stay continue until after a decision on the appeal.

The parties thank the Court for its continued attention to this matter.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 6, 2025, I caused the foregoing Joint Status Report to be electronically filed with the Clerk of Court and served on all counsel of record via the CM/ECF filing system.

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